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Excellency:

With reference to the conversations which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments and to Your Excellency's Note No. 22/1756 of June 29, 1951, I have the honor to confirm in the name of my Government the following understandings set forth in Your Excellency's Note, which, in the interest of collective defense and mutual assistance for the preservation of peace and security in execution of Article 3 of the North Atlantic Treaty, have been reached regarding facilities for supplying the United States Armed Forces in Europe across Italian territory.

For this supplying of United States Armed Forces, the Italian Government authorizes, in the manner to be agreed upon: the use of lines of communication and depot areas in Italy, and the use in the port of Leghorn of the necessary equipment for docking, loading and unloading. The movement of personnel, supplies and materiel along these lines of communication will normally take place by rail; if, by way of exception, it should be considered convenient to effect these movements by other means, arrangements to this effect will be made between the authorities of the Italian Armed Forces and the United States Armed Forces.

The Italian Government authorizes, for the requirements of the present arrangements/

His Excellency

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arrangements, the entrance, the presence, and the transit of members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as of civilian employees of the United States Armed Forces, in so far as they are connected with the execution of the present Arrangement, and, in principle, the families of both. The authorities of the United States Armed Forces will regularly inform the authorities of the Italian Armed Forces of the numbers of such personnel and will give them notice, as far in advance as possible, of variations which may be envisaged.

The juridical status of such personnel, as well as fiscal, customs, monetary, police and other questions which may arise from the present arrangement, until such time as the Agreement between all the signatory countries of the North Atlantic Treaty on the juridical status of their armed forces signed June 19, 1951, at London enters into force between Italy and the United States, will be regulated by the provisions of that Agreement to the extent compatible with the legislation of the two countries.

The Italian Government will grant the necessary facilities and services for the implementation of the present Arrangement in accordance with the technical procedures and conditions which will be agreed upon.

I have the honor to confirm that the understandings of the present Notes will take effect from this date of June 29, 1951, and remain in effect during the period of the validity of the North Atlantic Treaty unless prior to that date the two governments decide, by mutual agreement or upon the advice of the North Atlantic Council, to terminate them.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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